

## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 10.13.2009

Wall Street Journal: "Regulators Target 'Naked' Access ... Federal securities regulators are examining whether an arrangement that lets high-speed traders rapidly buy and sell large chunks of stock anonymously could go awry and threaten markets."

Wall Street Journal: "Democrats Weigh Tax On Financial Transactions ... Taxing financial transactions on Wall Street is gathering support in high places."

Wall Street Journal: "Silicon Valley Lives ... In a rare bit of good news from Washington, the investment model that created Intel, Apple and Google will be allowed to exist."

Wall Street Journal: "The Message Of Banking Bond Gains ... Every trader frets over how long to leave gains on the table. Many banks will have grappled with that dilemma after seeing their big bondholdings rally so much in the third quarter."

Washington Post: "'Unbanked' but No Longer Ignored ... For years, the country's makeshift network of payday lenders and check cashers has operated with little competition or federal regulation."

Washington Post: "Racing the Clock to Avoid Foreclosures ... Bank of America employees are reminded every day of

how far they still have to go."

NY Times: "Credit Tightens for Small Businesses ... Many small and midsize American businesses are still struggling to secure bank loans, impeding their expansion plans and constraining overall economic growth, even as the country tentatively rises from its recessionary depths."

NY Times: "Pace Slows on Losses for Banks ... Just a year ago, many of the nation's biggest banks were in such bad shape that their losses threatened to topple the financial system."

NY Times: "Don't Fail, or Reward Success ... "Compensation continues to generate controversy and anger," Lloyd Blankfein, the chief executive of Goldman Sachs, said last month. "And, in many respects, much of it is understandable and appropriate."

The Washington Times: "Despite denials, Feds knew of Merrill bonuses ... Court documents show that federal regulators were told about billions of dollars in bonuses awarded to Merrill Lynch executives during the company's takeover by Bank of America - contradicting statements to Congress by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke and former Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr."

Bloomberg: "No Easy Answer to 'Too Big to Fail,' Nobelism Williamson Says ... There's no easy way to deal with the question of institutions whose failure might pose a threat to the financial system, said Oliver Williamson, co-winner of this year's Nobel Economics Prize."

Bloomberg: "TIPS Show Bernanke Isn't Whipping Inflation Concerns (Update1) ... Treasury Inflation Protected Securities are the bonds money managers can't afford not to own."

City Journal, Pinto: "Yes, the CRA Is Toxic ... Did the Community Reinvestment Act-the 1977 federal law pressing banks to lend to low- and moderate-income borrowers-fuel toxic lending and thus play a significant role in causing the financial meltdown? "CRA was not the cause of the crisis," Comptroller of the Currency John Dugan maintained this past August."

The Hill: "Accounting rule change may hurt economic revival, according to banks ... Financial and real estate interests are making a strong push for federal regulators to delay the impact of a new accounting rule effective at the beginning of next year."

Politico: "Bipartisan backing for Iran sanctions ... The House will take up a major Iran sanctions bill this week, voting on a measure that would encourage pension plans to divest from companies with investments in Iran."

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